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Southern Ute Indian Tribe • General Meeting • April 29, 2016

Sky Ute Casino Event Center • 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Lunch will be provided

An agenda is forthcoming and will include both the Permanent Fund and Growth Fund. If you have any questions, contact the Tribal Council Affairs Office at 970-563-0100, ext. 2319.

TRIBAL RESOURCES

Shale oil reserves a possibility

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Tuesday, March 15, the tribal membership gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort for a tribal outreach meeting, which addressed updates and particular concerns regarding the development of shale formation oil and gas on the reservation. Associates from the Southern Ute Growth Fund, Red Will Production Co., Department of Energy, and Ecosphere Environmental Services introduced a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) that would further along the development of shale reserves. “We’re here today to identify and recognize what’s important on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,” said Adam Red from the Southern Ute Department of Energy. “Protecting our land is a major



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal member, Renee Tree addresses her concerns regarding the shale oil and gas development project.

driving force in drafting this [development].”

Shale oil is an unconventional type that is produced from oil shale rock fragments by hydrogenation, thermal dissolution, and pyrolysis. Kerogen, the organic matter within the rock, can be converted into syn-

thetic oil and gas once it is processed. As a result, the refined products can be used for the same purposes as those derived from crude oil.

According to Brendan Cusick, SECMG Project Manager, the development of shale reserves will ensure that tribal members will receive the maximum benefits from energy and mineral resources on the reservation.

“These reserves will benefit current and future generations of the Southern Ute tribal membership as we focus to take this on in an environmentally, culturally, and socially responsible manner,” Cusick stated. “Back in 2002 when we first had the EIS drafted, we were one hundred percent focusing on shale across the reservation as we analyzed

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GROWTH FUND

Providing for his people

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ute and Navajo artist, Oreland Joe of Kirtland, NM, once again adorned the Southern Ute Tribal campus with another masterpiece. The 9-foot horse and rider sculpture was installed Monday, March 14 at the east entrance of the new Southern Ute Growth Fund building.

Bob Zahradnik, Operating Director of the Growth Fund, inspired the design. He stated to Lorelei Cloud and Adam Red, of the Growth Fund Art Committee, that the hunter returns home with his kill, a mule deer draped over his horse after a successful hunt, he thus provides for his family, his people.

“That’s what the Growth Fund does for the [Southern Ute] tribe,” Zahradnik said.

Joe, a Southern Ute tribal member, was commissioned to create the sculpture. A piece of this size and as much

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Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The one-ton sculpture of a Ute hunter returning home from a hunt now sits at the entrance of the new Southern Ute Growth Fund building. The sculpture, by renowned sculpture/artist Oreland Joe, was installed on Monday, March 14.

SUCR

Let’s bake a pizza!

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Tuesday, March 8, Southern Ute Montessori Head Start learned a personal lesson on how to make pizza; an event hosted by the Food and Beverage Department of the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Head Start students shared a memorable baking experience with casino executive chef Bill Barbone and chef Alan Herrera. Barbone, originally from south New Jersey, has been in the food industry



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students visited the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Tuesday, March 8 to learn how to make pizza.

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Six seniors, sixth place at State

Paonia slips away from Cats on Day 3



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio head coach Chris Valdez cranks up the volume to get senior Nick Herrera (seated) even more fired up for Day 3 action at the Class 2A State Championships held at CSU-Pueblo.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Autographing young fan Trajan Garcia’s shirt after a difficult and, to longtime bracket-trackers and spectators inside Massari Arena, unexpected exit from the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships, Anthony Manzanares took a little time to savor what it is to be a Bobcat cager.

“It’s memories I’ll never forget,” said the senior guard, after netting 11 points in a 46-41 loss to Paonia in the fifth-place contest on the event’s third and final day inside Colorado State University-Pueblo’s venue. “It’s always been our goal to make it here, you know. It’s been fun playing with these guys, giving it our all.”

“We made it to the State tournament ... three out of four years ... It felt great for us seniors just to come back one

more time,” senior forward Austin McCaw (six points) said. “It’s a lot of last-time playing ... just wanted to come out and give a good game.”

Head coach Chris Valdez said the Bobcats’ heads were down, following a Day 2 victory over Ellicott and alluding to a heartbreaking Day 1 loss to Holyoke.

“But it’s part of living, you know? You don’t win them all, you know, and I think we’ve spoiled our fans where we win the first game all the time,” he said.

“Everybody still has a great attitude about what happened,” he said after the squad’s 2015-16 record was later finalized at 22-4 overall. “They understand that the other team was a little better – the different matchups were there – and they’re happy they got to spend this last day with their basketball family.”

DAY 3: PAONIA 46, AT IGNACIO 41

Unable to generate momentum from an early Manzanares three-pointer, 5-seed IHS trailed the No. 6 Eagles 10-4 after a mistake- and misfire-marred eight minutes and came no closer than 17-15 on a trey by sophomore reserve guard Kruz Pardo late in the second quarter, and 19-17 on senior guard Tucker Ward’s 1-and-1 from the free-throw line with 2:08 left before halftime.

But despite senior catalyst Wyatt Hayes going without a field goal – and more importantly to PHS, without a solitary three – and finishing with a quiet two points, the Cats weren’t going down quietly.

Sophomore reserve guard Johnny Valdez rattled in a vital three-pointer to bring Ignacio back to 42-37 late in the fourth and, not long after, senior

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Zink bids adieu



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently said their farewells to Brian Zink, who served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Southern Ute Permanent Fund. Zink has worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for the past sixteen years. Friends and associates gathered on Thursday, March 10 to celebrate his career. Members of Tribal Council spoke on behalf on Zink’s years working for the tribe and presented him with parting gifts.



WATER CONSERVATION

Carrying forward lessons in water management

By John Porter
SOUTHWESTERN WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Created in 1941 by the Colorado General Assembly, the Southwestern Water Conservation District encompasses Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan, San Miguel, and parts of Hinsdale, Mineral, and Montrose Counties. As board president, I would like to share some lessons learned in the past 75 years, ones we'll carry through the next 75.

LESSON #1: ADAPTABILITY IS A NECESSITY

Times have changed since 1941. Colorado Statute charges the District with "protecting, conserving, using and developing the water resources of the Southwestern basin for the welfare of the District, and safeguarding for Colorado all waters of the basin to which the state is entitled." Following this mandate, the District worked tirelessly for decades to ensure water supplies would meet growing demand by filing for storage project water rights in almost every major river basin. SWCD lobbied for federal dollars to be spent on project construction in our area. The philosophy was, and continues to be, to plant the seed and help it grow.

This work resulted in the establishment of the Florida Water Conservancy District and Lemon Reservoir; the Pine River Project extension; the Dolores Water Conservancy District and McPhee Reservoir; the Animas La Plata Water Conservancy District, Ridges Basin Reservoir, and Long Hollow Reservoir; and the San Juan Water Conservancy District and proposed Dry Gulch Reservoir.

As population pressure threatens to dry up agriculture, and regulations and constituent values have expanded to include environmental protections and recreational use, the District's mission has adapted necessarily. When the ALP Project debate was underway, for example, SWCD was integral in the formation of the San Juan Recovery Program, established to recover endangered fish species populations in the San Juan River in New Mexico downstream of the proposed reservoir. SWCD

currently funds a variety of essential work, including stream flow data collection and mercury sampling in local reservoirs. To address mounting concerns regarding future compact curtailment and drought, SWCD supports water supply augmentation through winter cloud seeding and exploring creative solutions like "water banking."

LESSON #2: BE AT THE TABLE

Participation at the local, state, and federal levels is essential to protecting our resources. That's why the District is a member of Colorado Water Congress, a state entity focused on water policy.

The District takes positions and engages in debate on water-related bills during the state legislative season. We keep a close eye on federal water management policies, often submitting public comments and working with federal and state partners to ensure continued state control of water rights. The District is supportive of the Colorado Water Conservation Board's instream flow program to establish minimum stream flows for the environment, and is working to improve the program's ability to adapt to rural community needs for future development. As for the broader Colorado River system, SWCD participates in dialogue among Upper Basin states through the Upper Colorado River Commission.

At the local level, the District has represented water development interests in the collaborative River Protection Workgroup, which resulted in the Hermosa Creek Watershed Act. SWCD worked with other Roundtable members to ensure our corner of the state was heard in the Colorado Water Plan.

LESSON #3: REINVEST LOCAL TAX DOLLARS LOCALLY

It's a not-so-well-kept secret that SWCD's grant program supports water work across the District: domestic supply and irrigation infrastructure improvements, recreational development, habitat rehabilitation, collaborative community processes, and water quality studies. Here are a few recent examples:

Archuleta, Mineral and Hinsdale Counties: Rio Blanco habitat restoration by the San Juan Conservation District, watershed health via the San Juan Mixed Conifer Group;

La Plata County: initial studies for Long Hollow Reservoir, the La Plata West Water Authority's rural domestic water system;

San Juan County: Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies dust-on-snow research, mining reclamation through the Animas River Stakeholders Group;

Montezuma and Dolores Counties: the Dolores River Dialogue (a collaboration focused on issues below McPhee Dam), irrigation efficiency improvements by the High Desert Conservation District; and,

San Miguel and Montrose Counties: the San Miguel Watershed Coalition's watershed studies and irrigation diversion improvements to allow fish and boater passage, domestic system upgrades for the town of Norwood.

LESSON #4: EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF WATER LEADERS

For more than 20 years, the District has spearheaded regional water education by sponsoring an Annual Children's Water Festival for students across the basin and administering the Water Information Program with contributions from participating entities. SWCD played an instrumental role in creating the statewide Colorado Foundation for Water Education, and continues to sponsor the organization. As generations of water leaders step back, new stewards must step forward to ensure that the southwest Colorado we know and love continues.

For these lessons and more in water management, join us at the upcoming Annual Water Seminar on Friday, April 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel in Durango. Register in advance is \$35 online by phone 970-247-1302, or \$40 at the door.

For more information, visit <http://swwcd.org/programs/annual-water-seminar>. We hope to see you there!

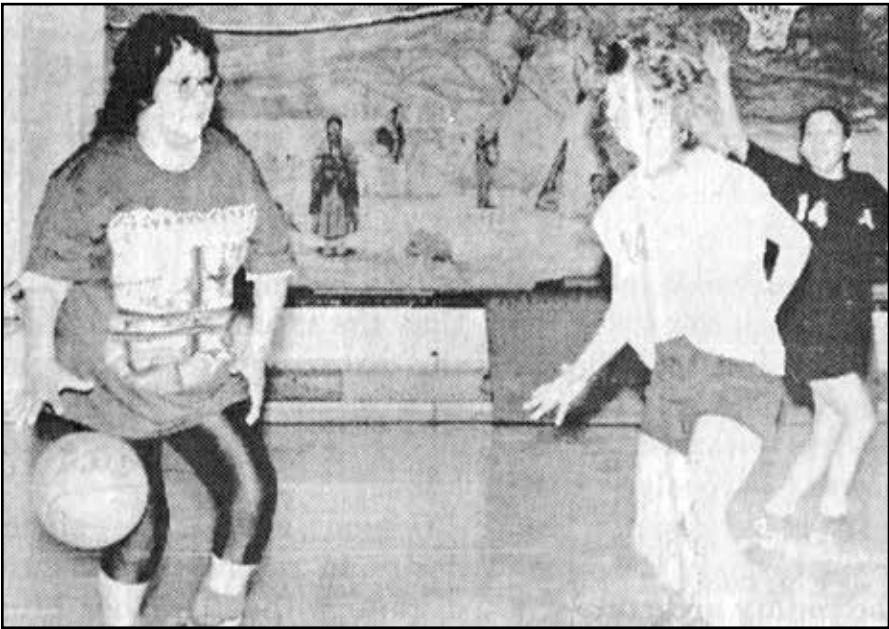


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Sixth graders in Mr. Tony Rhode's class at Ignacio Intermediate School took honors at the Regional Science Fair. Rylie Jefferson (left) took home third place for her presentation on botany. Sage Rhode (middle) took home an Achievement Award for her project about solar towers. Jarrod Powell (right) received an Honorable Mention, as well. Congratulations Bobcats!

This photo first appeared in the March 17, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The night they drove young Dixie down. Actually it was Dixie Naranjo who did the driving down the lane during a Women's League basketball game sponsored by the Southern Ute Recreation Department.

This photo first appeared in the March 15, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Motor Pool issues 1000th plate



courtesy Leigh Sage/SU Motorpool

The Southern Ute Motor Pool would like to announce the new Tribal Plate and reaching plate number 1,000 held by Motorpool mechanic, Billy Weaver.

Community Easter EGG HUNT

March 26, 2016
10 AM
SunUte Park
Fields behind SunUte Community Center

Bring chairs and if it snows please make sure your kids wear their snow suits and boots.

Age Categories:
0-4 Years
5-8 Years
9-14 Years

One lucky boy and girl from each age category will win a grand prize!

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For more information, booth info or questions please contact Don Folsom at 970-563-0246.

Family Easter Walk

1.5 Miles
March 26, 2016
Registration: 8:30 AM
Walk Starts: 9 AM
SunUte Park

Sponsored by Shining Mountain Health and Wellness



CULTURAL UPDATE

Seeking Head Cook for Bear Dance Feast

The Bear Dance Chief is seeking a Head Cook for the 2016 Bear Dance Feast which will be held on, Monday, May 30 starting at 12 p.m. The Culture department will supply all the food for the stew, the ingredients for the fry bread, the corn, drinks and condiments. The Head Cook will be responsible for cooking the stew, fry bread and corn to feed approximately 600 people at 12 p.m. The feast will be cooked at the Bear Dance grounds with the exception of the fry bread, which can be made at the Multi-Purpose Kitchen. The facility will be open at 7:30 a.m. for use. A stipend will be given to the Head Cook. If you are interested please call the Culture Department at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624. Open to Southern Ute tribal members. If no tribal members call in by April 30 at 5 p.m. then it will be open to the public.

96th Annual SU Tribal Fair Theme And Art Work Contest

The Southern Ute Culture Department would like to announce the 2016 Logo and Theme Contest for the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All Medias of art will be accepted until May 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artists. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Dept. and will be featured on all items associated with the 96th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and Theme which will be featured in the 2016 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Department PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, Colo., 81137 OR Contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100, ext. 3624.

24th Annual Spring Contest Powwow and Indian Art Market

Hosted by the Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association. April 16-17, 2016 at the Northside Aztlan Community Center, 112 Willow Street in Fort Collins, Colo. Contact for more information at 970-498-0290 or via email at ncipa.pw@gmail.com. Check out the website at for further info ncipa.weebly.com.

Beading Challenges

Each month the Cultural Dept. will offer a monthly beadwork challenge. The challenge is open to all bead workers. The winner will be selected by the Elders at the Elder Luncheon. If you have any questions please call the Cultural Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620. Be on the look out for our flyers with information and template of the each bead challenge design.

- April 8 – Beaded Teepees
- May 20 – Beaded Floral

Ute Language Classes

Ute Language Classes will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small Classroom every Monday. Classes start at 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

- March – 21, 28
- April – 4, 11, 18, 25
- May – 7, 14, 21, 28

Tribal Elder Events

Tribal Elder Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small classroom. The classes will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. (Limit 15 participates)

- April: 5, 7, 12 – Cloth Dress
- May: 3, 5, 10 – Ribbon Shirt
- May: 17, 24 – Wreath Making
- May 18, 19 – Moccasin Class
- May 25, 26 – Make-up session/Moccasin

Tribal Elder Lunches

Lunch will be held at the SUCCM Large/Small Classroom at noon.

- Friday, April 8
- Friday, May 20

Tribal Membership Classes

Tribal Membership Events will be held in the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum (SUCCM) in the Large/Small classroom. The classes will start at 5:30 p.m. till at 8 p.m. (Limit 20 participates)

- March 23, 24 - Shawl Making Class
- March 30, 31 - Make-up session/Shawl Making
- April 6, 7 - Ribbon Shirt Class
- April 13, 14 - Make-up session/Ribbon Shirt
- April 20, 21 - Beaded Gauntlets Class
- April 27, 28 - Make-up session/Beaded Gauntlets
- May 4, 5 - Beaded Shawl Pin
- May 11, 12 - Make-up session/Beaded Shawl Pin

Contact Edward B Box III, Cultural Education Coordinator-Temp at the Southern Ute Cultural Dept., 970-563-0100, ext. 2306 or via email at ebbox@southernute-nsn.gov.

DENVER MARCH POWWOW

March 25 – 27, 2016

Denver Coliseum • Denver, CO

HOZHONI DAYS POWWOW

April 15 – 16, 2016

Ft. Lewis College • Durango, CO

Culture classes in full swing



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Tribal members gathered at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Wednesday, March 9 to gain a lesson in fabricating ribbon material, instructed by Edward Box III. An assortment of colorful material was available for all in attendance. Edward Box III (right) instructs Tara Vigil on how to cut the proper measurements.



The Southern Ute Culture Department recently hosted a shawl making class on Wednesday, March 10, bringing tribal elders together in crafting creative attire for Bear Dance season. From butterflies to roses, elders brought their imaginative ideas to the table. Tribal elders Benda Watts (left) and Evelyn Russell (right) work on their shawls.

PROVIDING FOR HIS PEOPLE • FROM PAGE 1

detail that goes into creating it takes time, he said.

“It took me over a year to finish the sculpture. It took five months to sculpt the clay, and another five months to cast the mold in bronze.”

Joe presented the art committee a maquette, a 15-inch miniature scaled model, of what the full-sized statue would eventually look like when completed.

Joe said the direction the statue sits was important.

“The hunter is heading north, the direction of home for the Utes, he’s heading back home,” he said.

The varying colors of the bronze were achieved by spraying it with a sulfur

primer. The horse, the Ute hunter and the buck all are various shades of the natural bronze color.

“It’s a heat and chemical reaction that varies the shading, the more primer the darker the color. I applied a lacquer finish to withstand the elements, but the color will change slightly as it’s exposed to the elements,” Joe said.

FCI Constructors Inc., builders of the new Growth Fund building, and Eagle Crane were on hand to install the one-ton sculpture, which was transported via a flatbed trailer.

Other of his sculptures can be found around Ignacio. ‘Rolling Thunder’, the

buffalo sculpture sits at the south entrance of the Sky Ute Casino Resort, as does the ‘Flute Player’, which can be found at the east entrance of the casino. There is also a ‘Ute Family’ that greets visitors to the casino inside the west entrance.

Joe is a world-renowned sculpture/artist; he received the distinct honor of becoming the first Native American artist to be a member of the famed organization “Cowboy Artist of America” CA.

In 1996, he was commissioned by the Ponca City Native American Foundation to produce a twenty-two-foot bronze sculpture of Chief Standing Bear, one of his most famous pieces of work.

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Bear Dance

• May 27th - 30th 2016 •







BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING
10:30 am Friday, May 27th

BEAR DANCE FEAST 12 pm Monday, May 30th
• BEAR DANCE CHIEF - Matthew Box •
• NO SHORT DRESSES OR BAGGY PANTS WHILE DANCING •
• PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IS PROHIBITED; EXCEPT BY MEMBERS OF THE UTE TRIBES •
• THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, THEFT •
• THE PINE RIVER IS RESTRICTED •
• FOR MORE BEAR DANCE INFORMATION, CALL 970-563-0100 EXT. 3624 •

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

BEAR DANCE POWWOW

MAY 27 & 28, 2016
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, CO

BEAR DANCE POWWOW HEAD STAFF

Bart Powaukee – MC
Fort Duchesne, Utah

Randy Medicine Bear – AD
Loveland, CO

Michael Grant Sr. – Head Man
Bloomfield, NM

Snow Wing Arrow Top Knot Wagner – Head Lady
Cortez, CO

Daniel Cesspooch – Drum Judge
Fort Duchesne, Utah

Andrew Frost – Head Gourd Dancer
Ignacio, CO

Mile High – Host Northern Drum
Lakewood, CO

Bad Company – Host Southern/Gourd Drum
Fort Collins, CO

GOURD DANCE
- Friday, May 27 • 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28 • 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

GRAND ENTRY
- Friday, May 27 • 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 28 • 1 & 7 p.m.

REGISTRATION
- Opens: Friday, May 27, 5 p.m.
- Closes: Saturday, May 28, 2 p.m.

CONTEST CATEGORIES
- Golden Age: 55 & older
 Men and Women
- Men's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
 Fancy, Grass, No & So, Traditional
- Women's Categories: 18-54 yrs.
 Fancy Shawl, Jingle, No & So Traditional
- Teen Boys: 13-17 yrs & Junior Boys: 7-12 yrs
 Fancy, Grass, Combined Traditional
- Teen Girls: 13-17 yrs & Junior Girls: 7-12 yrs
 Fancy, Jingle, Combined Traditional
- Tiny Tots: 6 yrs & younger Exhibition, each session
- Drum Contest: Combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd places

POWWOW CONTACTS
- Corliss Taylor: 970-799-3149
- Mike Santistevan: 970-563-0255
- Cindy Winder: 970-563-0100, ext. 2301

POWWOW INFO
- Arts & Crafts Vendors: Ramada Cloud, 505-402-8846
- Food Vendors: Kendra Alexander, 970-563-5541
- \$50 each day (10x10) inside booth rates.
Powwow will be inside fairgrounds arena. All arts & crafts vendors, inside arena. All food vendors, outside arena. All vendors, bring your own setup.

MISC INFO
- Admission is free
- Camping is free
- The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.
- No drugs or alcohol allowed

96TH SOUTHERN UTE FAIR POWWOW
SEPT. 9-11, 2016





HEALING SPIRITS

Peaceful Spirit launches aftercare program

By Esther Belin
PEACEFUL SPIRIT

Last fall, Peaceful Spirit officially launched an Aftercare Program called Healing Spirits. The group is open to everyone in support of recovery. Many times the word recovery is limited to recovery from drugs or alcohol. While this is true, we believe the historic trauma and loss indigenous peoples have survived also requires recovery – a healing from the generational wounds of loss of land, language, and people. We also believe that each person holds the potential for healing and transformation for themselves and the community where they live. Guided by these beliefs, Healing Spirits welcomes everyone to join in a movement of creating community health.

The goal of the Healing Spirits column is to highlight the process of healing. Healing requires time, motivation and community. We present this column as an offering to begin the journey of healing – a commitment, a confirmation, a celebration. This first contribution introduces the concept of recovery. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, recovery is a worldview, a dynamic concept that includes many pathways, “Recovery emerges from hope and gratitude ... involves a process of healing and self-redefinition ... has cultural dimensions.” Above all, “recovery is a reality. It can, will and does happen.” Each offering will be presented anonymously. On my journey of recovery, I have come to embrace

all my shortcomings as blessings, opportunities to learn. Within the struggle I find myself. Through the trials and tribulations of my choices I have enjoyed all the pain and healing I have found. To embrace my whole heart and soul is to accept my addiction as part of who I am. But it does not define who I will continue to be. Recovery gives me the true meaning of peace. I encourage support and I’m proud to see newcomers provide insight into the worlds of addiction. Struggles bring healing, bring a voice to the monster that lives within. It gives power to survive. Let us all see the trueness of a person who is willing to share their stories of healing and struggles that still lie within. I am only one being continuing my recovery taking it one day at a time.

HEALTH

Youth Partnership for Health announce openings for 2016-2017

Applications are due March 27

Staff report

YOUTH PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH

We are seeking young people ages 13-19, with diverse life and/or geographic experiences, to participate as consultants on a statewide advisory council. This council is open for ANYONE and EVERYONE to apply. If you answer yes to any of the following then this council is for you, APPLY!

- Are you interested in standing up for the health and well-being of ALL young people in Colorado?
- Do you want to learn how to effectively get your voice heard?
- Are you a young parent?
- Do you live far away from Denver?
- Have you had experiences with substance use, diversion or detention?
- Have you lived in group homes or foster care?
- Do you have any special

health concerns?

- Do you identify as LGBTQ?
- Have you and/or your peers ever experienced oppression?
- Do you have a unique cultural perspective?

This council was started in 2000 and continues to be supported by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Youth consultants on this council, provide feedback and recommendations to state and community partners who are working to positively impacting the lives of Colorado’s youth. (i.e. YOU!) Participation in this council will provide opportunities for you to develop leadership skills, increase your knowledge of various health topics and engage in meaningful ways to have your unique voices heard.

MEMBERSHIP FACTS

- YOU GET TO BE THE EXPERT!
- A place where your opinions and ideas are listened to and your experiences are honored
- Consultants are paid \$10/hour + reimbursement for transportation to meetings
- The council meets 4 hours, one Saturday a month (most likely in Denver)
- Provides opportunities to meet other youth from around the state while growing personally and professionally
- Offers creative ways to learn about youth health and factors that effect it

If interested, or if you know other young people whose voices need to be heard, please fill out an application. Contact Audra Bishop at audra.bishop@state.co.us or call 303-692-4936.

How much sugar?



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Shining Mountain Health and Wellness program paid a visit to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Wednesday, March 9, where they demonstrated how much sugar is actually consumed in common household drinks. Academy students took turns measuring the amount of sugar contained in soda, Gatorade, and juice, often with surprising results. The students then prepared a meal of healthy snacks that consisted of peanut butter, nuts, and fruit with the help of ShawMarie Tso.

Abel Velasquez, SunUte Community Center fitness trainer, watches on as Davian Richards, Tallas Cantsee, and Kean Cantsee measure the amount of sugar in a soda bottle.



Tribal Member-Exclusive Fitness Incentive
February winners



18 years and up
Maria Rivera



Third grade – high school
Lakota TwoCrow

The more you come in to SunUte, the better your chances are for winning!
Both winners earned a \$100 gift card to Sports Authority.
For information on how to win; Call SunUte at 970-563-0214 and ask for the trainer’s desk or stop by to talk to a trainer.



Healing Spirits April events
Celebrating National Poetry Month & Alcohol Awareness Month

- April 7: Dinner and Panel Presentation – 5:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Bldg.
 - April 8: Dinner and Community Poetry Slam – 6 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Bldg.
 - April 9: Children’s Powwow – 1 p.m. Grand Entry at the Ignacio Middle School
 - April 30: Alcohol Awareness Month Walk – 10 a.m.
- Everyone is invited to join in a movement of community health and healing by celebrating our strengths and encouraging our youth. For more info call 970-563-4555.

HEALTH UPDATE

Same Day Appointments

The Southern Ute Health Center has a limited number of same-day appointments. Please call to schedule an appointment. If you sign in without a scheduled appointment, we will offer you the next available appointment. If no appointments are available, you may wait to see if a patient cancels and we can work you in. If you have any questions please ask. For information call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581.

Southern Ute Dental Clinic
Dr. Brian Talley (Children’s Dentist)

Appointments are available in April

- April 25th 8 am to 5 pm
- April 26th 8 am to 5 pm
- April 27th 8 am to 5pm
- April 28th 8am to 5pm

(except during the lunch hour noon to 1pm)

Call 970-563-4179 or
970-563-0100 ext. 2368
To schedule.



2min2x!
Brush 2 minutes 2 times a day
AND eat healthy for
a healthy smile!

Memorial Walk

Sobriety

When: Saturday March 19, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
Start Point – Ute Park
258 Ute Road Ignacio, CO -81137-

Prayers and Balloon Release @ Southern Ute Cemetery

We invite you to "Come together" for all of our relatives who have suffered or who suffer today....Come join us in prayer for your loved ones; our loved ones; let's pray...

Followed by a Pot Luck @ the Senior Center – 12:00 p.m.
15345 Hwy 172 Ignacio, CO 81137

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Students prepare to transfer



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

On Wednesday, March 9 the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) had its annual Transition Luncheon at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. SUIMA students transitioning into public school include: Reynelda Martinez, Avaleena Nanaeto, Marcus Archuleta and Mark Archuleta.

Students compete in science fair



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Thumbs up to Cyrus Naranjo as he displays his “Balloon Power” science project that earned him honorable mention in the sixth grade Physics category at this year’s 2016 San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair on Thursday, March 5.



Lexy Young, sixth grade, displays her guinea pig maze experiment that won her third place in the Animal Science category. Fellow Ignacio Middle School tribal students, Cyrus Naranjo and Makayla Howell, also participated in this year’s fair.

Silver Spruce tours casino



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Silver Spruce Academy got the chance to tour the Sky Ute Casino Resort as part of their job market field trip visiting local businesses within the area. The visiting academy students range from ages 9 to 12 years old. Lindsay Basendal, Nolin Basendal and Caden Elliott all got a chance to see how a mixing board worked by Waylon Ryan Audio/Video technician, during a visit to the Audio/Video room.

Sky Ute Casino Executive Chef, Bill Barbone showed the Silver Spruce Academy visitors the Seven Rivers Steakhouse from a perspective many don’t get to see – front-of house as well as back-of house and the kitchen facilities for the Willows and Seven Rivers Restaurants.



IES Bobcat awards



These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored with Bobcats Awards for demonstrating the six pillars of ‘Character Counts’ at IES: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Congrats Lil’ Cats!



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1st grade
Peyton Pierre-Louis



2nd grade
Ayden Barry



2nd grade
Aven Bourriague



2nd grade
Tavian Box



2nd grade
Maleina Carel



2nd grade
Kalia Olguin-Anthony



5th grade
Katerie Lang

Christian Academy appreciative



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Hope Community Christian Academy students go to Wells Fargo Bank in Ignacio, to deliver cookies and thank them for welcoming them back into the community on Friday, March 11. The Hope Community Christian Academy is located in the new ELHI Building

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SUPD

What to do when you are pulled over

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.

I was teaching defensive driving class to young adult students and they asked me why female drivers get more warnings and fewer tickets. I told them that may seem true, but the real situation is female drivers often know how to make a traffic stop go smoother. Smoother traffic stops get more warnings and result in fewer tickets. Here are practical tips that can make a traffic stop go smooth and professional. When the emergency lights come on behind you, the first thing to do is signal that you are pulling over and then look for an immediate safe place to slow down and pull over. Often, the officer knows that a pullout area is nearby that will work for both vehicles. Pull over to the right side as far as possible to avoid the officer from having to stand in traffic on the side of the road. More officers

die from traffic crashes each year than are killed by gunfire. You can help the officer feel safe. Roll down the driver window and the rear side window if asked. The officer will be looking to see how many people are in the vehicle and if everyone is seat belted in the vehicle including children in car seats. If everyone is safe, the officer knows the stop is starting off well. Keep your hands on top of the steering wheel and do not unbuckle your seatbelt yet. If you are holding onto the unbuckled seatbelt and claim that you are only holding it to show that you are just now taking it off; you are not fooling anyone. An officer can see the seatbelt shoulder harness position and tension from the inside of a police unit twenty-five feet away. Faking seatbelt usage rarely works. Rummaging under the seats, console or glovebox looking for your papers as the officer approaches can



courtesy Don Folsom/SU Police Dept.

place an officer on alert. The officer won't have a way to tell if it is papers or a weapon you are looking to find. Wait until they ask for your information and then look for it. If it is dark, turn your interior lights on as the officer approaches, this will help the officer see who is there and what they are doing. Hand over just the papers that the officer

requests. Do not hand over your wallet with the license in it. Remove the license first. If your insurance is visible on the phone, let the officer know it is on the phone first and then show it to them. Don't be using the phone to make or receive calls during the traffic stop. Don't text and don't Skype. You have every right to

record the traffic stop, but don't go overboard with it. Keep the phone on the dash out of the way. The SUPD officers are required to record the contact with their body camera and the patrol vehicle camera. Officers will not be able to show you any footage of the stop from their cameras during the traffic stop. Answer any questions the officer asks in a concise, logical and non-defensive way. If you are telling the officer that you are on your way home even though your home is in the opposite direction of your travel, expect a follow up question. Southern Ute Tribal Police have marked units to use on traffic stops. However, depending on where you are inside the reservation, Colorado State Patrol, Ignacio Police and La Plata County Sheriffs will also pull over people on traffic stops. Some may have unmarked units. Let those officers know if you are Na-

tive American and extend them the same courtesies that you would extend a Southern Ute Officer. Southern Ute Police Officers are trained in making traffic stops that are brief, direct, safety conscious and effective with either a warning or a summons and complaint as a result. There are traffic related matters that need further investigation. Offenses such as Driving Under the Influence, Reckless Driving and Driving Under Suspension may take longer to investigate and may result in an arrest. Be patient with any investigation because it may take time to sort things out properly and the officer will take the time needed to get the correct information. Be careful in your driving habits and be safe. Good defensive driving saves lives, time and money. The Southern Ute Police Department wishes to protect and serve you wherever the road takes you on our reservation.

LET'S BAKE A PIZZA • FROM PAGE 1

for thirty-eight years while cooking meals for the casino for five. "Your pizza is going to come out looking cheesy and delicious," Barbone said to the excited students as they took turns prepping the pizza, adding the proper ingredients – pepperoni, sausage, cheese, peppers, and bacon. "Once we're

done adding the ingredients, we'll get to throw it into the oven and eat it." Franklin Thompson, Sky Ute Casino Food and Beverage manager, stated, "It's good that we're providing this for the kids. They get to learn how to make food. We also have the [Ignacio High School] coming, and they're going to learn how to make

chicken fettuccini." "This is a great opportunity for the casino and [Head Start] to be apart of," added Andrea Taylor, Food and Beverage admin analyst. "They had fun with what they learned." Later, the students were able to enjoy their hot and ready pizza with every cheesy bite.

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SUNUTE SunUte basketball courts closed

Staff report
SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

The SunUte Community Center is scheduled to close the gymnasium/basketball courts to replace the basketball court's heating/venting and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. This project is necessary to replace the gymnasium's aging HVAC system which supplies the proper combination of fresh, temperature controlled air. This capital improvement project is scheduled by the Tribe's Construction & Project Management Department (C&PM) to take place between March 7 and May. Due to the amount of work required to reroute air conduit, electric lines, and air exchange systems, it was deemed necessary to close the gym to the public for the duration of the project. This closure is to insure public safety and to also support an efficient working environment to finish the project as quickly as possible.

Closing of the gym does not affect any other part of the SunUte Community Center. The Pool, Fitness Floor, Tumbling-Tots, Active-Kid-Care and Group-X classes will all be available as scheduled. Programing most affected by the closure will be the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) and SunUte's Recreation Division. Boys & Girls Club operations will remain the same. Other arrangements for physical activities are being made during the gym closure. BGC will notify parents of

any scheduled changes.

SunUte's Recreation Division scheduled youth basketball leagues earlier than usual this year to address the closure, as they will be limited in the type of indoor recreation programing the Division can offer while the gym is closed. Recreation will still be hosting the MAYB tournament on March 19, which will be held at the Ignacio High School. Also, during the closure SunUte and Grounds Maintenance staff will be clearing the outdoor basketball courts, depending upon weather, on a regular basis for those willing to take the game outside.

If you typically visit the SunUte Community Center to use the indoor basketball courts we strongly encourage you to investigate the many other health and fitness opportunities available at SunUte. Other opportunities include, but are not limited to; stationary cardio machines, free weights, taking a Group-X exercise class to focus on your core, attend one of our new Yoga classes, schedule a time with one of our free fitness trainers to develop a work out regiment custom tailored specifically for you, challenge yourself to swimming laps, or simply sweat it out and relax in our all cedar dry-sauna.

For questions, comments, or more information please contact the SunUte Community Center at 970-563-0214 or visit our website at www.sunute.com.

SHALE OIL • FROM PAGE 1

the environmental impacts from shale formation. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe established a memorandum of understanding in 2007 between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to define the roles and responsibilities of each. We hope to get the project started in either 2017 or 2018."

The project includes an expansion of wells reserves that dig 2,500 to 9,000 feet below horizontally, as opposed to other common wells. Approximately one hundred wells per year could be drilled during a twenty-year time frame. A number of resources will be analyzed including air quality, vegetation, wildlife, soils, groundwater, surface water, cultural resources, etc.

Tribal members who attended the meeting voiced their opinions about the project proposal, addressing concerns like the types of chemicals going into the ground, percentage of royalties the tribe will receive from shale oil, cultural responsibility and education to non-tribal members.

"Our whole purpose is to do this environmentally sound," Red stated. "We are going to protect our tribal surface. I understand where the community is coming from, and that's why we're seeing how we can move this forward based off your concerns."

As of now, the locations of the well reserves and when they will be drilled is currently unknown. Once well locations are proposed, they will be subjected to site-specific evaluation.

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TRIBAL UTILITIES Changes for the Solid Waste Program

Staff report
UTILITIES DIVISION

The Southern Ute Utilities Division Solid Waste Program provides a reliable and convenient way for Southern Ute tribal customers to dispose of their trash.

This program is free of charge to Southern Ute tribal members and Southern Ute Tribal Departments only. Unfortunately, there have been a number of incidences that have made it necessary to make some changes to this program.

Utilities management has worked hard to make these necessary changes and with your patience they assure you that it can be a smooth transition.

There is now a list of items that are acceptable to take to the Transfer Station and there are specific places for you to put them. This will help to ensure proper disposal of all items.

- General household garbage
- Chemicals and oil common to household use such as cleaning supplies and motor oil.
- Branches, leaves, and burnable lumber – take these items to the burn pile
- The following items can be set aside by the shed:

- Latex and oil based house paints
- Home appliances, refrigerators, and freezers
- Home electronics
- Car batteries

As always, there is help available to anyone that needs assistance. If the Solid Waste Monitor is not available, you can either call the office at 970-563-5500 for assistance or simply go inside the office building and they will get someone to help you.

The following items are NOT allowed:

- Construction, remodeling, or home and property demolition debris
- Commercial or contractor debris
- Chemicals and oil common in commercial or industrial product use
- Concrete, masonry, and rocks
- Dead animals
- Stumps or logs that are greater than 6" in diameter
- Vehicles and trailers
- Tires – except during the Spring and Fall Clean Up events
- Poisons

If you have a question on whether or not an item

is acceptable to take to the Transfer Station, please call Utilities at 970-563-5500.

Every tribal member that would like to utilize the Transfer Station will now be required to register annually at the Utilities Office Building (right next to the Transfer Station) to receive a vehicle pass that will allow access to the Station. Please understand that Utilities will issue vehicle passes to ensure that only tribal member trash is accepted. This change will help guarantee continued free service to all customers.

When taking items to the Transfer Station, customers are allowed to dump no more than 5 cubic yards of personal trash per week. That's quite a bit of trash, it is just about 8 feet long by 4 feet wide by 4 feet deep, which is just about the size of a full size truck bed.

Trash pickup can be a little confusing sometimes, so here is some clarification. Residents have to have their polycarts at the side of the road by 6:30 a.m. of their scheduled pickup day.

If you do not have your cart out by 6:30 a.m. then you are taking the chance of your trash not getting picked up that day. If you

had your polycart out in the right place by the right time and it still was not collected, you will need to notify Utilities within 24-hours to obtain a special pickup.

If you did not have your polycart out in the right place by the right time and therefore missed your pickup, you will have to wait until the following week's regular pickup. If you cannot wait until the next week, you can request a special pickup but you will be charged a fee of \$30 each time.

Elders and handicapped customers may have their polycarts picked up at their home, instead of the road. Contact Utilities to make arrangements. The trash contractor will place blue stakes at the entrance of the customer's driveway indicating the need for this service.

The Transfer Station hours of operation are posted at the front gates. The Station is closed on holidays and may close when administrative leave is granted or if there is inclement weather without prior notice.

If you have any questions regarding service that the Utilities Division provides, please contact us at 970-563-5500 and we will be happy to help you.

Ignacio School District Transportation Building For Sale

The Ignacio School District is seeking bids for the Transportation Building (Bus Garage) located at 885 Goddard Street, Ignacio, Colo. It will be sold on an "AS IS BASIS". The following is a descriptive of the property. **Property Type: Commercial;** Land Area: 0.34 Acres 15,000 Sq./Ft. includes one 1,665 sq./ft. building; Stucco over single wythe stone walls; Wood roof framing; Slab on grade; Year built: Estimated 1938; Secondary Road Frontage: Pine Street-150 Feet; Power to the building site; Water and Sewer purchased from Town of Ignacio; Natural Gas-available; and Chain link fence surrounding back of building. The Board sets a minimum bid of \$140,000. The Board will accept sealed bids prior to 4 p.m. April 14, 2016, at the Admin. Office, 455 Becker St., Ignacio, Colo. Bids may be mailed to Ignacio School District, Transportation Building Bid, PO Box 460, Ignacio, CO 81137 and must arrive prior to 10 a.m. mail pickup time at the Ignacio Post Office April 14, 2016. Bids will be opened at 4 p.m. April 14, 2016 in the administration office with the highest bidders showing proof of financing ability and providing a \$10,000 non-forfeitable bond. In the event the property is not closed within 30 days the \$10,000 is forfeited and the bid goes to the next highest bidder. Buyer will be responsible for the buyers closing cost. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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Ignacio’s Namichen Oberly (13) sees her chance to advance the ball nearer teammate Tori Archuleta (7) during season-opening action versus Telluride, March 10 at IHS Field.

IHS SOCCER

Soccer gets underway

Girls open with T-ride, Ridgway

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A coach not known for nervousness during a match, Oscar Cosio actually appeared almost ready to show just a little after seeing first-year goalkeeper Lanie Webb slow to arise, favoring her right side and hip, after Telluride’s Kenzie Zaumseil drilled a 28th-minute free kick over a four-player wall and Webb’s attempted leap.

“I don’t know if we’ve got anyone else who can play,” he said quietly while considering his options in net and scanning his Lady Bobcats already on the pitch during Ignacio’s 2016 season-opener Thursday, March 10.

While Webb tried proving to referee Larry Conrads she could continue – or at least stand without too much pain – between the sticks, Cosio called out hopefully to one of his returning veterans: “Bekah!”

“I don’t know how to play goal!” replied Bekah Powell, one of only two seniors shown on IHS’ initial roster, from the far side of midfield with no hesitation; music to

the Lady Miners’ ears.

Not that the visitors really needed any more; Zaumseil’s strike was already her fourth – following what held as the winner in the 2nd, her second in the 19th and a quick hat-trick hit (on a free kick taken near the spot as her latest finish) in the 21st – in helping THS build up a 7-0 halftime lead, ultimately, a 10-0 victory.

But in a tone most pleasing to the Lady Bobcats’ boss, Conrads shouted “She’s good!” and play resumed. The first to try replacing graduated Krissy Velasquez, Webb totaled 17 saves in her debut and the freshman got a proper pat on the back from older sister/junior fullback Ryley after sliding to deny Telluride senior Madie Alexander a try for her very first.

Webb later received much applause for a fine one-handed stop on senior Taylor Gumble in the 54th, four minutes after junior Whitney Wells – having traded places with Zaumseil in net at intermission – began the second-half scoring. Freshman Rubie DeLuca later netted her second of the 3A/2A

Southwestern League match in the 67th for a 9-0 advantage, and senior Emma Spaulding converted a Maria Carrasco pass in the 80th for the mercy-rule clincher just before full time was to be whistled.

Neither Wells nor Zaumseil faced a shot in the shut-out, with the latter alertly rushing up to 20 yards out of her area to boot away a pair of remotely-possible, still-developing opportunities to not even run the risk.

Traveling to Ridgway not even 36 hours later, Ignacio received no quarter in an 8-0 loss. The Lady Demons led by six goals at the half, with sophomore Emma Haaland replicating Zaumseil’s four-goal performance to lead the victors’ way. Junior Emma Gould scored twice in RHS’ season-opener, according to information relayed by skipper Trevor Peterson, with junior Lydia Leafstrand and freshman Faith Kinne each doing so once.

Sophomore Samantha Medina was the keeper for RHS in the contest as IHS dipped to 0-2 (0-2 SWL) prior to hitting the road to face Pagosa Springs next on Tuesday, March 22.

IHS BASEBALL

Bobcats open with tourney

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

At last getting some key regulars into camp after their contributions towards another lengthy basketball run deep into the postseason, second-year IHS Baseball skipper Bert Miller, his staff and his Bobcats will get the 2016 season underway the weekend of March 18-19 with the Ignacio Invitational.

Hungry to improve upon the lessons learned eagerly last spring, the Cats are slated to welcome Class 3A squads Buena Vista (10-10 in ’15) and Salida (11-8), as well as 2A’s Hotchkiss, Cedaredge (9-11) and 2A/1A San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores (8-9, 5-4 SJBL), with pool-play action set to begin – at both SunUte Field and revamped IHS Field – at 11 a.m.

Ignacio (6-13, 3-6 SJBL in ’15) will open Pool A at IHS Field against SHS, with the Spartans then facing HHS at about 1 p.m. before the ’Cats and Bulldogs square off at about 3. Ranked No. 3 in the preseason CHSAANow.com poll (issued 3/7), Hotchkiss went 21-3 last year, advancing all the way to the Class 2A State Tournament’s ‘Final Four’ – via a 3-0 shutout of Haxtun and a 13-0 drubbing of Center – before losing by a run



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen during pre-game drills before last spring’s season-opening action down in Farmington, N.M., first baseman Andrew Martinez and the rest of the Bobcats won’t have to go very far to get 2016 started at the March 18-19 Ignacio Invitational.

to eventual State Champions BVHS and Dolores-Cedaredge.

The Dogs ended IHS’ season with a 14-0 win at the District 2 Tournament up in Delta.

Pool B at SunUte will start with DHS battling BVHS, followed by CHS-

BVHS and Dolores-Cedaredge.

The Day 2 itinerary will begin with the third-place teams in each pool going head-to-head at 11 a.m., followed by the second-placers’ engagement at 1 p.m. and the first-placers’ clash for the title at 3 p.m.

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls stopped in Alamosa

Custer County stuns Lady Cats by one

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Turnovers and numerous missed opportunities certainly crippled the Lady Bobcats enough, but when it came down to the final seconds on Friday, March 4, Ignacio still had a chance to claim victory.

Unfortunately, relatively unknown upstart Custer County had the final possession.

Given the name of the Greek goddess of war, CCHS junior Athena Wisecup would have been an appropriate choice to beat the ending buzzer, but the ball went instead to McKensie Penkoff and the sophomore managed to lift the ladies from Westcliffe into a position – once virtually reserved for the squad they were facing – of contending for one of two berths into the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships with a mid-range jumper that left Adams State University’s



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Other than cheer on the Ignacio boys on Day 2 of 2A-Region I Tournament action at Adams State University in Alamosa, there wasn’t much else for seniors Ellie Seibel (left), Chrystianne Valdez, Miriam Fernandez-Lopez (right) and the rest of the prematurely-eliminated Lady Bobcats to do but begin waiting for next season.

Plachy Hall stunned.

Except, of course, for the players, coaches and supporters of the Wet Mountain Valley visitors to the San Luis Valley, elated at their own ironically-dubbed Lady Bobcats having just pulled off a rare 8-seed-over-1 upset in the semi-finals of one of two four-team pods at the 2A-Region I Tournament in Alamosa.

And Custer County wasn’t finished; by defeating No. 4 Sargent 41-29 the following afternoon, CCHS – having improved at the time to 10-12 overall – secured a spot in the double-elimination “Great Eight” at CSU-Pueblo along with No. 3 Sanford (then 16-8), who first ousted No. 6 Mancos 56-34 and then edged

Girls page 12

Youth wrestlers take the mats



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Lawrence Toledo, wrestling in the 90-pound weight class works on his opponent as he and other Ignacio Youth Wrestlers competed in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) at the Bloomfield Youth Wrestling Invitational, Saturday, March 5 at the Mesa Alta Junior High School in Bloomfield, NM.



Nakai Box, 6, moves to get a point with a takedown against his opponent in the 75-pound weight class.

Keelyn Reynolds, 6, 40-pounder, one of many girls who compete in AAU wrestling, tries to take down her opponent, during her first match of the day. She went on to medal in her first-ever wrestling meet.

Shooting Stars undefeated



courtesy Erika Atencio

Shootings Stars went undefeated March 11-12 in the Cortez Youth Basketball tournament. Left to Right: Monika Lucero, Jayden Brunson, Cienna Harrison, Laci Brunson, Shelcie Gosney, Ebonee Gomez, Aloncia Herrera, Avaleena Nanaeto and Coach Travis Nanaeto.



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(Tyler Baker)

TRIBAL OBITUARIES

ROCK – Annette Helena Rock was born in Towaoc to Alice Washington Rock and Bryan Rock. She was the youngest of five children; Rose Rock, Mercedes Rock Baker, Grace Rock Gallegos, Bryan Rock Jr, Donald William Rock.

From Towaoc, the family moved to the spring creek area, where her family farmed and raised cattle. Eventually the family moved south of Bayfield where she spent her childhood helping her family by weeding the strawberry garden with her brother Billy.

She always looked forward to, when her big brother Bryan snuck off from working in the fields to play dolls with her until Grandpa Rock would call him back to work. One thing she truly loved doing was riding her horse to the neighbors to visit and adventure around the area.

She attended the Ute Vocational school where she loved playing basketball, being a majorette, and hanging out with all her friends.

She loved telling her kids stories of her days spent doing crazy things with all her friends.

Annette started her family with her first daughter Annlice, followed by six more children; Renee, Bryan, Bobbie, Yvette, Charles, Ray Jr, and one nephew Roger Sage. She moved to the La Boca area with her husband Ray and her children, where they farmed and raised cattle.

Annette was a great cook who was always providing great meals for the long cattle drives. She was a good mother, teaching her kids great values that they are able to pass onto their children.

After losing her husband, she would spend her days at the Sky Ute Casino where she made friends with many of the staff and patrons. She always spent



holidays, birthdays and other special occasion with her family, her daughter-in-law Lori and ex-son-in laws, John Weaver, Jack Frost Jr., and Melvine Valdez, whom she loved all very much.

Annette had 8 grandkids and 7 great grandkids and was looking forward to the arrival of 2 more great grandkids, but unfortunately she did not get to see them.

During her life she battled with rheumatoid arthritis that disfigured her, but being the strong lady that she was, she overcame this and lived everyday to the fullest.

During the end dementia started to set in, these medical conditions are what she succumbed to. Her family pulled together and supported her to the end.

The family of Ms. Annette, would like to extend our gratitude for the support, contributions and flowers that you and your family have provided for us during this difficult time. It was all truly appreciated. Thank you, Renee and family, Bobbie and family, Yvette and family, and Ray Jr. and family.

CLOUD – Nathan L. Cloud, passed away at Mercy Regional Medical Center surrounded by family on March 2, 2016 at the age of 69 years. Nathan was born in Ignacio, Colorado on February 1, 1947 to Ruby and Ralph Cloud.

Nathan was a life-long resident of Ignacio, Colorado, where he worked with the Southern Ute Tribe Police Department Dispatch & Ground Maintenance.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, making silly jokes, reading books, watching WWF & WWE Wrestling and partaking in the Four Corners Biker Rally.

He was a loving Brother, Uncle & Friend. Nathan was always willing to help others however he could.

He is survived by his sisters Mary Inez Cloud, Gayla Smith, & Neida Ray Chackee and brother Raymond Lucero; nephew, brother & best friend Shawn Thompson; nephews Shawn, Kyle, Keith & Franklin Thompson and CJ & Stewart Cloud; nieces Natelle, Krislynn, Gracelynn Rebecca & Jogenia Thompson, & Luana Herrera and great nephews



& nieces; and great-niece Seraya.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph & Ruby Cloud, brother Roger Cloud and sister Theatis Cloud Williams.

Nathan's memory will live on in the hearts of the family and friends he leaves behind.

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Healing Spirits Children's Powwow

Saturday, April 9, 2016

Ignacio Middle School

11 a.m. Doors Open • 1 p.m. Grand Entry

Come Support Our Youth!

Please join us for a fun-filled day
celebrating our community's children.

Enjoy an afternoon of
Round Dances, Two-Step, Exhibition,
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Concessions will be available.

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- 11 Years & older

POWWOW MC: Bird Red
ARENA DIRECTOR: Darien Neskahi

Info: 970-563-4555

Healing Spirits is an Aftercare Group from the Peaceful Spirit Treatment Center and is committed to creating community health.

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OPENING

Thursday April 7, 2016

4 Day Operating Schedule

Thursday-Sunday

The 7 day operating schedule
will start in early May.

For updated information go to
www.lakecapote.com.

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Veterans at outreach meeting



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Veterans met at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Tuesday, March 15 to discuss benefits from the Veterans Association. The purpose of the meeting was to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans in order to maximize their quality of life, well being, and potential. Veterans met with Barbara Martinez, outreach coordinator from Denver, and honored her with a Pendleton blanket. Pictured left to right: Rod Grove, James Price Barbara Martinez, Ray C. Frost, Ramona Eagle, and Howard Richards Sr.

Request For Proposals (RFP) for Construction Services for Cedar Point Street Light Installation

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Memorial Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for a Contractor to submit proposals for the installation of street lights at the entrances to the Cedar Point subdivision. Site visits will be accepted by an appointment only basis by scheduling with C&PM. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Memorial Dr. in

Ignacio, Colo. 81137 until 2 p.m. MDT, March 31, 2016. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southernute-nsn.gov. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project

Southern Ute Agency/ BIA will start collecting Water Request Tickets beginning with 2016 Irrigation season in accordance to records of delivery as required in 25 CFR171.600
2016 Irrigation rate \$18.00 per Acre

Water Request Ticket forms are available at the Irrigation office 811 CR 517, BLDG 51 Ignacio, CO.
Ph.# (970) 563-9484

WATER REQUEST
SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY
PINE RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT
IGNACIO, CO

REQUESTER'S NAME: _____
DATE OF REQUEST: _____ TIME OF REQUEST: _____
UNIT NO.: _____ SERIAL NO.: _____
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: _____
CANAL / LATERAL: _____ HEAD GATE: _____
NUMBER OF ACRES TO IRRIGATE: _____
TYPE OF CROP GROWN: _____
DIVERSION AMOUNT REQUESTED: _____
TIME ON: _____ DATE: _____
TIME OFF: _____ DATE: _____

DITCH RIDER NAME: _____
REQUEST must be in at least 72 hours and not over 7 days prior to desired time of water delivery. WATER USERS must be responsible for water until returned to canal. Use one request for each turnout.

GENERAL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Multi-Purpose Facility
Potluck and Meeting
6:00 PM- 9:30 PM
Topic: Southern Ute Tribal Museum
For Information:
Sage Douglas Remington
970-769-3638
Alden Naranjo/NAGPRA Coordinator
970-563-0100 Ext. 2257

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are two positions open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. Open until filled.

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Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.
Applications are available at www.bgcsu.org
For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CFO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.

Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO

Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Assistant Health & Safety Program Coordinator – SECMG (Durango, Colo.)

Closing date 3/22/16

Assists with the development and coordination of the regulatory health and safety program with respect to applicable occupational safety and health laws and regulations for all Growth Fund business enterprises.

Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor’s degree in occupational safety and health or similar field, and seven years work experience in a safety and health capacity or related area; OR a Master’s degree in safety and health or similar field and five years experience in an safety and health or related area is required; OR, an Associates degree in occupational safety and health or similar field and ten years work experience in a safety and health capacity or related area; OR a high school diploma and 12 years experience in a safety and health capacity or related area is required. Must have some working knowledge of safety and health laws and regulations. Must have proficiency in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including but not limited to Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Must have ability to develop and establish database systems for tracking compliance related tasks, documents, audits, and the status of abatement procedures. Must participate in a positive and productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

*Beverage Server (On-call)

Closing date 3/22/16

Prepares beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly, including the responsibility of all cash and complimentary transactions. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 21 years old. Related work experience and/or training preferred. Must have great guest service skills.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Closing date 3/22/16

Cleanliness of the entire kitchen as instructed by facilities management and/or supervisor. The deep cleaning staff will clean food and beverage facilities and equipment. High School diploma/equivalency preferred. Must be at least 18 years old.

*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 3/25/16

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing date 3/25/16

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 yrs minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

**Must be 21 years of age*

*Server – Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 3/21/16

Provides exceptional guest service by delivering exceptional service of food and/or beverage to include: taking the order and delivering food and/or beverage items. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashiering and food service experience. Must have point-of-sale cash register experience.

Server – Willows (Full-time)

Closing date 3/22/16

Provides an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashiering and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

*User Support/Database Administrator (Full-time)

Closing date 3/25/16

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 yrs experience in DBMS (Database Management Systems) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Senior Center Handy Man (Temporary)

Closing date 3/25/16

Full-time. End date 10/6/16. Six months experience with mowing lawns, trim trees/shrubs, do regular maintenance and repairs on equipment, and janitorial duties. Must have valid driver’s license, be insurable by SUCAP and be able to lift at least 50 pounds.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation

PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,

Case No.: 2016-NC-0012

Corey Lloyd Richards, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Corey Lloyd Richards filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Corri Maureese Watts-Chase. As of February 29, 2015 at 9 a.m. no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Corey Lloyd Richards name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Corri Maureese Watts-Chase.

Dated this 29th day of February, 2016.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

LEGAL NOTICE

TO NELSON NARANJO:

Take notice that the SUIT Division of Social Services has filed a petition in dependency and neglect naming you as a respondent, in the case of *In the Interest of L. N. and D. V.*, 16 DN 09 (SUIT Tribal Court). You are hereby notified that a hearing is set in this matter on **TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016, at 3:00 P.M.** in the Southern Ute Tribal Court, 149 C.R. 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, (970) 563-0240, which you are expected to attend. Termination of the parent-child relationship is possible if the petition alleging that a child is dependent or neglected is proven. You may contact the Tribal Court to obtain copies of documents filed in this case.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2016.

Peg Rogers
Attorney for the SUIT Division of Social Services
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-0100

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Patrol Officer – Trainee

Closing date 3/16/16

Trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Certified Pharmacy Technician

Closing date 3/17/16

Works under the supervision of a pharmacist and provides technical support of the pharmacy department at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Culture Media Technician (Temporary)

Closing date 3/17/16

Creating audio and video documentation of language and culture teaching and activities, creating language and culture learning technological tools, editing the material, and copying and archiving the material. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Community Resource Officer

Closing date 3/21/16

Under the general supervision of the Senior Community Resource Officer, provides prevention awareness activities to the community and serves as a liaison between the Southern Ute Police Department and the community. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Health Services Manager/Lead CHR

Closing date 3/21/16

Management and administration of programs and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. The duration of this position is contingent upon grant funding. Pay grade 17; \$35,778/annually.

Home Health Care Aide

Closing date 3/21/16

Under general supervision of the Lead Community Health Representative, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. Provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning, personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Public Health Nurse

Closing date 3/22/16

Registered Nurse position, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Referral Coordinator Health Services

Closes 3/22/16

Maintains ongoing tracking of patient referrals for in-house/out sourced services, ensure that referrals are addressed it a timely manner, keep physicians updated with accurate documentation in system, sets up appointment, maintains insurance authorization, ensures complete and accurate registration, demographics and current patient insurance. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

After School Guide (Part-time)

Closing date 3/23/16

Regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program.

Detention Officer (2 positions)

Closing date 3/28/16

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Police Sergeant

Closing date 3/28/16

Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Dept. and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Dept. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

Local Native Only

Administrative Assistant – Housing

Closing date 3/15/16

Performs administrative support for the Housing Department, including secretarial duties, receptionist, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Administrative Assistant – Wildlife

Closing date 3/15/16

Performs office support for the Wildlife Resource Management Division, including reception, secretarial and office records management

FLC – Summer Work Program

Closing date 3/31/16

Summer work position for an enrolled local Native American. The length of the summer work program is two months. Program involves working within the Air and Water disciplines within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Division. Technical aspects include working with and performing various tasks within ambient air monitoring, air permitting and compliance, stream monitoring and riparian restoration resulting is a well-rounded, technical understanding of a Tribal environmental program. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Payroll Manager

Closing date 3/31/16

Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annual.

Contracts & Grants Manager

Closing date 4/7/16

Ensures compliance with the terms of Southern Ute Indian Tribe contracts and grants with State and Federal Regulations. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annually.

Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Open Until Filled

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Criminal Investigator

Open until filled

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

Dentist

Open until filled

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

Family Practice Physician

Open until filled

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Nurse Practitioner (2 positions)

Open until filled

Provide direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

Tribal Member Health Benefits Director

Open Until Filled

Professional executive management position with overall responsibility for the health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Responsible leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures. The Director provides information and support on health services and the health status of the Tribal members to the Tribal Council.



SIX SENIORS, SIXTH PLACE AT STATE • FROM PAGE 1

reserve guard Chase Sanchez skied to snare a rebound against a taller opponent, took the rock back out to the corner before wheeling around and driving back towards the lane.

His attempted runner went long, but without deflecting off the rim or backboard, went straight into the hands of elevated senior center Nick Herrera for what basically amounted to an alley-oop re-trimming Paonia's lead down to 46-41 with 0:05 remaining. Unfortunately, PHS (25-2) quickly inbounded the ball and kept it as far away from a white uniform as possible, letting the waning seconds expire without any closer IHS approach.

"I just had to give all that I could for my senior buddies – Nick, Wyatt, Tucker... all the seniors, I just had to give it on the line for them," Sanchez said. "Give them a good thing to leave on ... give all the hustle for them."

Herrera finished with six points in the fourth quarter, and totaled 11 to match Manzanares for the team high, but counterpart Dagan Rienks – able to regularly slide backdoor or along the baseline during a first half when Herrera and McCaw were each whistled for two infractions, leaving Ward or sophomore reserve Kai Roubideaux to take on the task of defending – led all with his 20, including nine in the second quarter and eight in the third.

Fellow junior Colby Simpson was also effective near the rim and scored ten, while senior guard Taylor Walters managed six points and classmate Francisco Lopez as many via two second-half triples.

"All of our seniors, it's going to be our last year – except for Wyatt – and just wanted to ... try to come out with a win," Herrera said. "It just wasn't like the last time we played them. I mean, their posts were good – the big kid [Rienks], he's only a junior – and going to be tough next year."

"They have two big men that can play the post really well, and they're really fast in the guards," McCaw noting. "We matched up with them pretty good, but they just beat us."

"Nick played his best games through districts, regionals and State, and that's the time to play your best ball," said Valdez. "He held the big guy as best he could down in there, but they were a mismatch problem for us."

"It wasn't that they out-matched us – especially in the guards – but the mismatch problem inside hurt," he continued, alluding to his posts' foul trouble. "And we couldn't go to a smaller team because they had two big guys! So that was different about playing this team this year, as opposed to last year."

Ward finished with four points and Roubideaux one, while Valdez and Pardo were limited to their threes.

"They made some good shots ... because we're both fighting for that trophy!" Manzanares said. "So I give credit to them; they're a great team."

"I still can't believe that this is our last game together, and they'll never play another game of basketball together," Sanchez said, referring to the seniors' last group run. "Honestly, it was breathtaking to me."

DAY 2: ELLICOTT 55, AT IGNACIO 73

If there was an indicator that Paonia might prevail, it was Walters' alert disruption of a baseline pass meant for junior reserve guard Joaquin King, waiting in the opposite corner for one purpose – a repeat of the previous afternoon's energizing three-ball, giving the Bobcats a 41-39 advantage – their first in the consolation-round semifinal – with 3:43 left in the third quarter against 8-seed Ellicott.

"We've got to have them. You know they come in, whether just a minute or two minutes, or sometimes they were playing four or five minutes at a time," Chris Valdez said of his bench players' importance. "They were valuable to us and did a great job; they took what we told them and they put it on the floor."

"The kids ... we were disappointed yesterday, let's face it, and we were all down," he added, again alluding to the Day 1 overtime affair in the double-elimination tourney's initial 'Great Eight' phase.

"I'm happy that they got it going, and when we did get it going late in the second quarter – almost at halftime – we knew we had a shot. We came down, hit several baskets in a row, and were right back in it – when we were nine points down, I knew we could put them on the ropes."

Having trailed the Thunderhawks 10-4 after one frame, and by as much as 23-10 during the second before closing to 33-24 at intermission after the mutually-exciting stanza, Herrera



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio fans get the 'spirit fingers' up and active while wishing a Bobcat the best of luck at the free-throw line at the Class 2A State Championships held inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena.

kept IHS' rally going with three points starting the third quarter and Ward soon followed with a three-point play after a failed weak-side lob to Herrera.

"They came out with much more energy," Ward conceded, "and we knew we were going to come out tired and slow. But once ... we got a feel for it, we looked each other in the eyes and said we could pull this one out!"

"We sat down at halftime and said 'Do we want to go out winning one more game, have a chance to win a second one, or do we just want to go out losing?'" recalled McCaw. "We came out and just played hard."

Able to blank EHS' first-half star, senior guard Morgan Murray, in the third, Ignacio built up a 48-43 lead heading into a go-for-broke fourth in which the 'Cats showed other teams fans' exactly what they hoped not to see.

Hayes began with a layup, and would add three FT's in four tries to finish with a game-high 21 points. Ward did likewise and finished with 20. Including a key breakaway layup with 3:15 left, off-setting an acrobatic scoop shot by Ellicott junior Matthew Davidson at the other end, Manzanares booked six points in the frame to up his total to 16, and McCaw shrugged off his fourth foul to register all his seven before the final buzzer.

"We were able to open up the floor, which makes it real easy for penetration... and late in that quarter we hit Austin for some easy layups," said Valdez, "and that really put the mustard on the hot dog."

"It was a great experience for us to go out with a bang like that," Herrera said, having scored six but somewhat restricted by his own four personals.

Davidson finished with 13 points for the 'Hawks (18-6), as did sophomore guard Chiante Stewart before he fouled out with 1:34 left in the battle. Junior guard Brody Pagan netted six while also one foul short of disqualification, and Murray finished his prep career with an entertaining 17.

"He's tough, he's quick ... we saw him play Sanford and drop, what, twelve in the first quarter?" said Ward, noting the Black Forest League champs' early attempt at upsetting the two-time defending State Champions on Day 1, before falling 82-62 in similar fashion. "So we knew he was the guy."

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Unable to hold what had been an authoritative 14-2 lead after one quarter, a much-closer 27-21 advantage through two and seemingly-sure 45-32 pad through three, IHS' hopes at

being the ones to deny SHS a third consecutive crown were coldly dashed by the Dragons, after the Championships' 4-seed rallied to win the fourth, 22-9, and force a fifth frame.

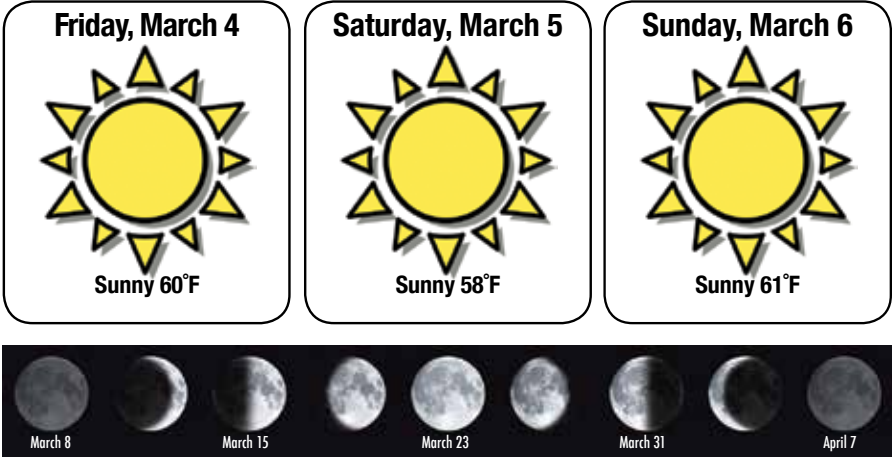
Junior guard Martin Lindstrom's 16 points led four players on the Championships' fourth-seeded roster, with senior guard Jesus Loya and junior forward Austin Herman each scoring 12 and junior guard Alex Strauss 11. Manzanares paced Ignacio with 14, Ward registered 13, Hayes ten, Herrera eight and Pardo seven – all from the charity stripe, where the 'Cats went 19-of-27 and Holyoke just 6-11.

"Just went out, gave it our all," said Manzanares. "Did the best we could ... so we'd be proud ourselves."

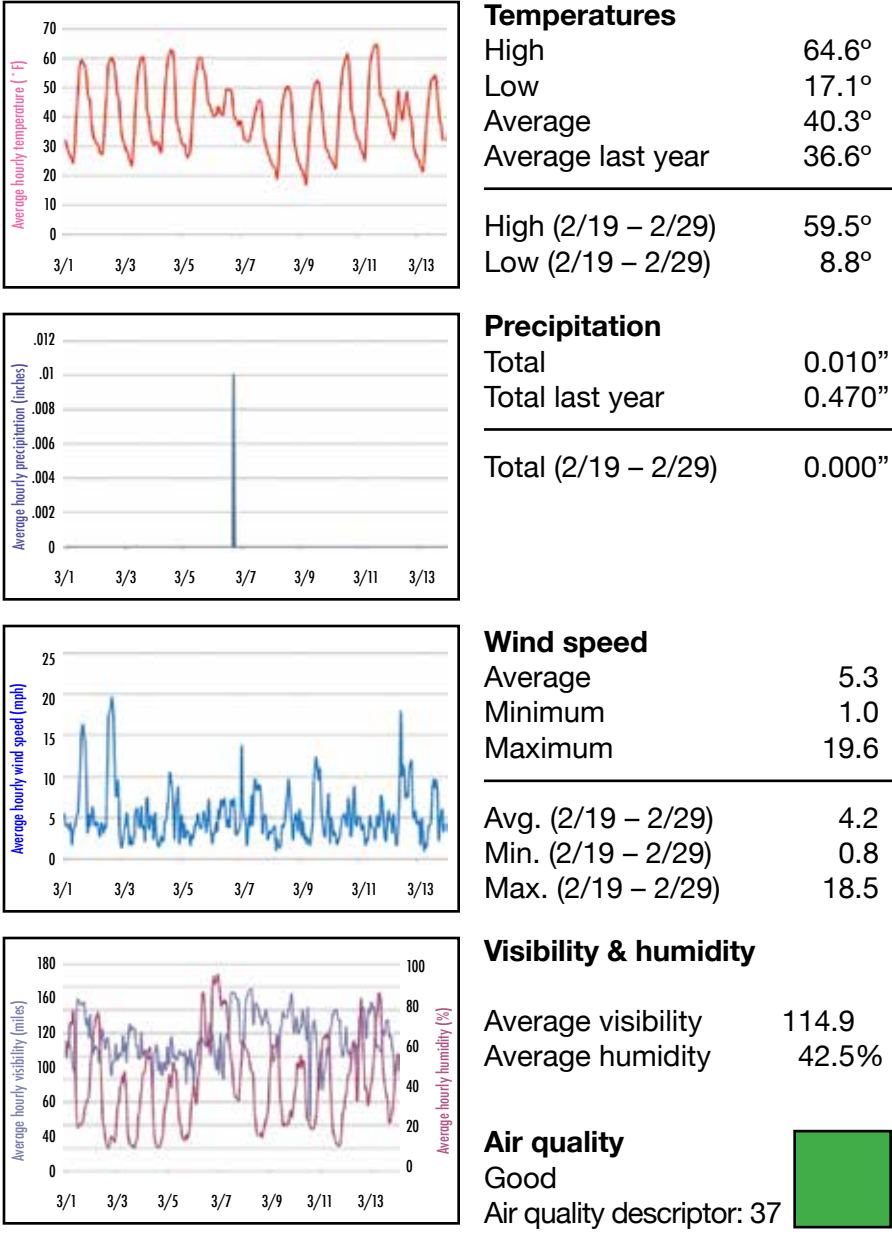
HHS went on to finish 22-5 overall and in fourth place after a 53-47 loss on Day 3 to Lower Platte League archrival Julesburg/Ovid Revere co-op Sedgwick County (24-2). Sanford, meanwhile, again escaped Loveland Resurrection Christian, edging the Cougars (25-1) by a 63-58 margin to finish 27-0 and tie mid-1990's Ridgway – current skipper Steve Hill, the Demons' head coach back then, was in attendance – with a 73rd consecutive victory.

Rye, the tournament's other qualifying crew, joined Ellicott as Day 2 casualties and finished 21-5.

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IHS finished 17-5 overall for a second straight season, despite getting ten points from sophomore Avionne Gomez before she fouled out in the fourth quarter, and nine from senior Ellie Seibel. Sophomore Hilda Garcia scored seven and senior Cortney Wilson-Baker five, but senior Chrystianne

Valdez was held to three, junior Alejandra Lujan (who also fouled out) to two and senior Miriam Fernandez-Lopez to none.

Having won the second half by a 24-15 margin, Custer County got 12 points from Penkoff and 11 from senior Taylor Staton. Junior Serenity Ham contributed nine, junior Tisha Schlabach and

sophomore Elizabeth Mullett each booked two and senior Nicole Lorenzen (another five-foul casualty) one.

CCHS was 14-of-24 at the free-throw line, with Penkoff hitting all four of her tries and Ham nine of an alarming 14, while Ignacio – which lost a 21-13 half-time advantage – went 9-of-15, led by Seibel's 5-of-6.

LPCIYPA auction pies



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Members of La Plata County Independent Youth Performing Arts take a break during the pie auction fundraiser, Saturday, March 5 in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. The fundraiser also featured coffees from around the world.